

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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INCLUSION OF NEW CASTES IN SC LIST
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Jatav, Paswan, Balmiki, Passi, Raiger and Dhobi, etc. castes have been living in lakhs of numbers in Delhi over the years ;
- (b) if so, whether these castes have been kept deprived of the benefits of the reservation made for SCs in Delhi for the Government jobs;
- (c) whether the Government propose to include these castes in the list of Scheduled Castes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL)

(a) to (d) The Jatav, Balmiki, Pasi (not passi), Raigar (not Raiger) and Dhobi communities have already been notified as Scheduled Castes in Delhi, vide the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) (Union territories) Order, 1951. As such, persons belonging to these communities are eligible to derive the benefits accorded to member of the Scheduled Castes. As far as inclusion of the Paswan community in the list of Scheduled Castes is concerned, no proposal in this regard has been received from the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi.